

## Humanitarian Aid Quiz

*Here is a quiz to find out about issues of humanitarian aid globally and in Europe.*

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### Test your knowledge of humanitarian aid with this quiz

#### 1. What is a humanitarian crisis?

- a) Sadness, depression or a negative outlook on life
- b) An event that represents a critical threat to the health, wellbeing or safety of a large group of people occupying a wide area (city/region/country)
- c) A low birth rate over a certain period of time

**Answer: b**

It is important to remember that a humanitarian crisis refers to a large group of people being in danger. Usually, the threat is the result of a natural disaster, human-made disaster or the combination of both events.

Source: <http://humanitariancoalition.ca/info-portal/factsheets/what-is-a-humanitarian-crisis>

#### 2. From the situations listed below, which is not a humanitarian crisis?

- a) The war in Syria that has been taking place since 2011
- b) The earthquake in Nepal in 2015
- c) The car accident of two vehicles on a local road involving 4 people

**Answer: c**

Even though all three situations are catastrophes, the car accident cannot be classified as a humanitarian crisis. The key factor in the definition of Question 1 is that a humanitarian emergency affects a large group of people, usually over a large area, and that it is a critical threat to this group or community. Answer c only involves 4 people.

#### 3. What is humanitarian aid?

- a) It involves providing assistance and protecting people affected by natural disasters and human-made disasters.
- b) An action taken to fight climate change
- c) The inhumane treatment of animals

**Answer: a**

It is a type of assistance provided to a larger group of people who have been affected by a humanitarian crisis.

Source: [www.sfyouth.eu](http://www.sfyouth.eu)

4. It is enough to be a sensitive individual with a good heart in order to become a humanitarian worker.

- a) True
- b) False

**Answer: b**

It is true that people with such qualities choose this career path, but such characteristics do not guarantee the ability to provide smart and effective aid. Humanitarian workers must be qualified: have managerial skills, often have the ability to speak foreign languages, can work under pressure and have a strong sense of cultural awareness. These are just some of the qualities required for the job.

5. From the activities listed below, which ones would you say fall under the responsibilities of a humanitarian worker? Select 3 correct answers:

- a) Handing out food, blankets and hygiene kits in refugee camps
- b) Creating new employment opportunities in countries with low levels of industrialization
- c) Building village roads in countries that cannot afford infrastructural development
- d) Removing rubble from houses affected by earthquakes
- e) Organizing temporary hospitals in disaster areas
- f) Doing the shopping for an elderly person
- g) Delivering clean water in cisterns to areas where water supply systems have been destroyed

**Answer: a, e, g**

Humanitarian aid involves rescuing and protecting people affected by natural disasters and human-made disasters.

Source: [www.sfyouth.eu](http://www.sfyouth.eu)

6. From the images shown below, which one DOES NOT represent a humanitarian worker?



a)



b)



c)

**Answer: c**

Even though Annie Lennox (Picture C) supports and works very closely with organizations such as Oxfam to raise awareness about global issues, she is not a humanitarian worker. Humanitarian workers are people that, for example, coordinate and plan humanitarian aid activities (Picture A) or are staff or volunteers that help on the site of an emergency (Picture B).

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## 7. When is World Humanitarian Day?

- a) 22nd March
- b) 19th August
- c) 18th December

**Answer: b**

The annual event, designated by the UN General Assembly, serves as a reminder of humanitarian aid. This day commemorates the terrorist attack on the UN headquarters in Baghdad in 2003.

Source: <http://www.un.org/en/events/humanitarianday/background.shtml>

## 8. In 2014 which collection of countries were the largest recipients of humanitarian aid?

- a) Syria, South Sudan, Iraq, Palestine
- b) Kenya, Nepal, Iraq, Turkey
- c) Jordan, Syria, Somalia, Afghanistan

**Answer: a**

Out of the 145 countries that received humanitarian aid in 2014, the countries listed in answer a received 35.4% of the general budget intended for humanitarian purposes.

Source: *Global Humanitarian Assistance Report 2016*: <http://www.globalhumanitarianassistance.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/07/GHA-report-2016-full-report.pdf>

9. You work for a non-governmental organization (NGO) that has just received information of an earthquake in Nepal. There are many casualties. Your organisation has never conducted an operation in this area and does not know the country well. What should you do first?
- Buy a ticket and make your way to the disaster area
  - Contact national media outlets and spread the message of the disaster.
  - With the help of your local Embassy, search for citizens from your country currently present in Nepal. You try to organise help that will reach them first.
  - You contact another organisation that has operated in Nepal beforehand and is present at the disaster area. You ask about the most urgent needs and the current situation following the disaster.

**Answer: d**

One of the most basic rules of providing aid is recognising and identifying the needs at the disaster area. You have to gather information as quickly as possible, and if the organisation is unable to independently gather information, it should use other reliable sources. Only this way will the aid be effective.

Sources: *Broszura PAH: Niosę Pomoc, Warszawa 2014*:

[http://www.pah.org.pl/m/4344/pah\\_kampanijne\\_pomoc%20humanitarna\\_druk.pdf](http://www.pah.org.pl/m/4344/pah_kampanijne_pomoc%20humanitarna_druk.pdf)

10. Which of the following groups should receive humanitarian aid?
- Residents of the Bantayan municipality in the Philippines that have lost their housing as a result of a typhoon
  - Residents of the Idlib province in the northern part of Syria that have lost access to clean drinking water, food and medical attention as a result of hostilities
  - Refugees in the Dadaab refugee camp in Kenya
  - All the above (A, B, C)

**Answer: d**

According to the definition and principles of humanitarian aid, all those whose life and health are at risk deserve humanitarian aid.

Source: <https://www.polskapomoc.gov.pl/Humanitarian,aid,251.html>